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Appl. No 10/597,861

**REMARKS**

Claim 15 is pending in the application.

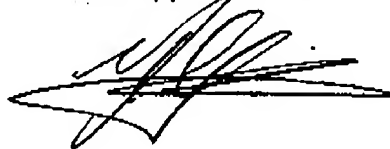
At the outset, applicant thanks the Examiner for his helpful comments and for his claim proposal. In line with this proposal, applicant has added a new claim 15.

In response to the Specification/Abstract objection, a replacement Abstract is attached hereto. Furthermore applicant has amended the specification in order to include the exact subject matter submitted in the previous abstract as suggested by the Examiner. Applicant submits that the replacement Abstract and the amendment to the specification render the objection moot.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Giuseppe Giordano

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